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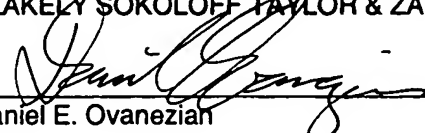
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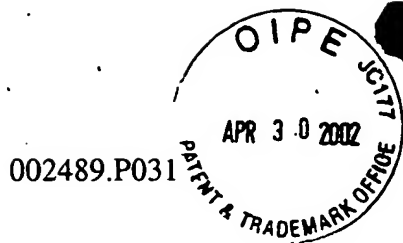
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified Application, applicants respectfully  
request the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Presented below are the amended claims in a clean, unmarked format under §1.121(c)(1).

01 17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the switch circuit comprises at least one  
multiplexer.

48. (Amended) The article of claim 46, wherein the translation circuitry further comprises:  
a storage element to store the translation information; and

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